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## Newsletter #51:

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Hello everyone! What an incredible week so far. The auctions and the bourse have been really exciting. The nicest part of it of course is just having the chance to put faces to names of those I have been working with this past year. I really enjoy the time to chat with folks. Last night was the ANS Gala which was in an incredible location, the Harvard Club. There is even an elephant head on the wall apparently shot by Theodore Roosevelt! Jonathan Rosen was honored at the Gala and it was touching to see someone that has contributed so much to the field of numismatics be recognized. For those of you that aren't aware, Jonathan's collection of electrum coins are well known and many have come up in auctions over the years. I'm still at the coin show until Sunday so talking about next week seems strange but there is plenty going on.

Here is what is happening.

#### **Triton XXI Session 5 - Electric Auction (closes January 17)**

For those of you that didn't completely go broke at the Triton auction then there is still an immense E-Auction of 1,068 lots. I haven't had much time to go through the lots because of the show but I imagine that there are plenty of others that will have the same issue so there may be some opportunities. If you have time check it out on Sixbid or Numisbids.

#### **Stephen Album Rare Coins (live auctions January 18-20)**

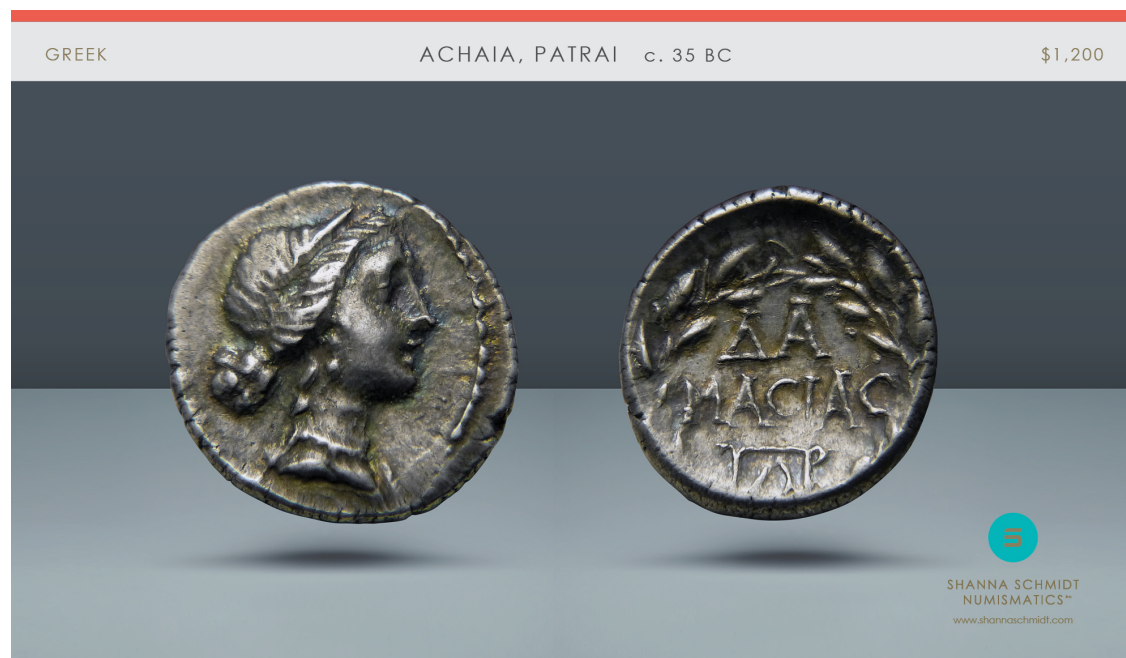
While most of Steve's coins don't necessarily fall into my client's interest, I'd like to point out that he has two days of live auctions coming next week. There are about 50 ancient coins, but if you have any interest in Islamic material he is the guy. All together there are 2,789 coins. His auction can be viewed on Sixbid or Numisbids.

### Solidus Numismatic Literature Auction (closes January 27)

There seems to be a lot of great sales on books these days. The last auction from NAC/Sovereign Rarities and Kolbe & Fanning were really impressive, but we shouldn't allow ourselves to restrict looking only at the big players. Solidus has a really impressive auction of 795 numismatic books and from what I saw some were almost being given away. I've found that these somewhat less prestigious auctions are a great opportunity to buy those necessary books at reasonable prices. I don't want to dissuade anyone from supporting our friends who specialize in books 100% of the time but here is an alternative if you feel like you are constantly being shut out. This auction is on Sixbid and Numisbids.

### Shanna's next European adventure (Numismata and G&M Auctions, Munich, Germany)

Just a little forward thinking! I've already planned my March trip to Munich to attend the Numismata coin show, as well as attend the G&M Auctions. The Numismata has always been a great opportunity to find nice material that many times has never seen the auction floor. While there G&M is having their auctions. I'm never disappointed with the offerings at G&M and I suppose this time will be no different. I will be taking bids from people so please get in touch if you might have interest. I should be getting extra catalogs so I can send you one if you would like. More on this later.



Coin of the Week <http://www.shannaschmidt.com/coin-of-the-week/>

**ACHAIA, Patrai, Damasias, son of Agesilaus, magistrate.**  
**Contemporary with Mark Antony and Cleopatra VII. c. 35 BC.**  
**AR Hemidrachm, 2.30g (15mm, 7h)**

Head of Aphrodite right, wearing stephanos / ΔΑ/MACIAC above Patrai monogram; all within wreath

*Pedigree: From the estate of Thomas Bentley Cederlind. Ex Spink 223 (26 March 2014), lot 1076.*

**Price:** \$1,200

*This coin is from a massive issue that was struck in an apparently hasty manner, as indicated by the relatively crude dies that were often overused. Many of the known examples are poorly struck, another indication of haste. The date of the issue, in the mid-30s BC, suggests that the issue was made in conjunction with Mark Antony's preparations for his incipient war with Octavian. The head of Aphrodite may also have the features of Cleopatra VII, as many issues in the region at this time used her likeness in an attempt to flatter the wealthy queen (in fact, another issue of Patrai, BCD Peloponnesos 531, was actually struck in the name of Cleopatra).*

**References:** BCD Peloponnesos 525–8; HGC 5, 57

**Grade:** Near EF, dark iridescent tone, struck from worn dies  
gk1017

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Until next week!  
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